

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

On page 2 of the specification, insert the following new paragraph after the title but before the heading "Introduction":

This application is a continuation of Application No. 09/739,243, filed on December 19, 2000, which claims priority from provisional Application No. 60/173,387, filed December 28, 1999.

On page 19 of the specification, replace Table II with the following revised Table II:

Table II: primers used to isolate novel *Bt* DNA sequences (Y= C or T, S= G or C):

strain	gene	primer	Length of amplified fragment	Primer sequence
2739C	cry1J-type	JFW	365 bp	GCA GCT AAT GCT ACC ACA TC (SEQ ID NO: 10)
		JRV		GTG GCG GTA TGC TGA CTA AT (SEQ ID NO: 11)
	cry9-type	9FW	576	GYT TTT ATT CGC CCG CCA CA (SEQ ID NO: 12)
		9RV		CGA CAG TAG SAC CCA CTA CT (SEQ ID NO: 13)
2072BG	cry1B-type	B.F	922	CAG CGT ATT AAG TCG ATG GA (SEQ ID NO: 9)
		B.R		CTG CTT CGA AGG TTG CAG TA (SEQ ID NO: 8)